

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 1, 9 and 15 without introducing any new matter and cancels Claim 2.

The outstanding Office Action objected to Claim 9 because of informalities. Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Blüml et al. (“A Workbench for Generation of Component Models,” Marcus Blüml, Michael Lenzen, Adam Pawlak, IEEE Publication, pages 466-471, herein “Blüml”).

Claims 9-20 were allowed and Claims 2 and 4-8 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

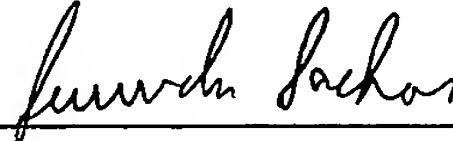
In response, Claim 1 is amended to recite all the features of allowable, objectionable Claim 2. In response to the objection to Claim 9, Claim 9 is amended to recite “synthesis” instead of “synthesizes.” Further, Claims 1, 9 and 15 are amended to replace “containing” with “including.” Since these changes are only formal in nature, they are not believed to raise a question on new matter.

Consequently, in view of the present Amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1 and 3-20 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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